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SUBJECT: AFRICAN STUDENTS VISIT TO NEW YORK

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1. OUR ORIGINAL INQUIRY DID INDEED CONCERN A SIMPLE WELCOME SPEECH AND SOME TOURISTIC ADVICE, ALTHOUGH PREFERABLY BY AN ORGANIZATION WITH SUBSTANTIVE LINKS TO AFRICA (AAI) OR THE FIELD OF MANAGEMENT (AMA). THE PURPOSE WAS TO EXTEND RECOGNITION TO THESE STUDENTS WHO WILL ASSUME IMPORTANT POSITIONS IN AFRICA, AND TO MAKE EFFORT TO AVOID NEGATIVE IMPRESSIONS RESULTING FROM WHAT MAY BE THEIR ONLY VISIT TO UNITED STATES.

2. DISCUSSION WITH MARSHALL BERG ON FEBRUARY 6 (AFTER SENDING OUR 3503) RAISED POSSIBILITY OF SUBSTANTIVE VISIT STRETCHING OVER SEVERAL DAYS OR A WEEK AND INCLUDING WASHINGTON AS WELL AS NEW YORK. IT WAS AGREED THAT THIS SUGGESTION WOULD BE EXPLORED WITH ECOLE INTERNATIONALE DE BORDEAUX TO ASCERTAIN FACULTY ADVISOR'S REACTION.

3. ARS WILL SEEK INFORMATION REQUESTED IN PARA 3 REFTEL IN HOPE THAT OBVIOUSLY PREFERABLE SUBSTANTIVE PROGRAM CAN BE ARRANGED FOR FY-76 VISIT.
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